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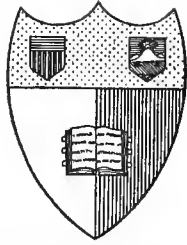
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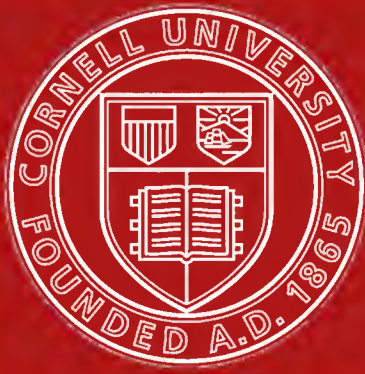
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# The One-Name Form of the FINAL COMMISSION

in Matthew xxviii. 19.

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CORRUPTED TEXT IN ALL KNOWN  
MSS. AND VERSIONS.

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Go ye (therefore) and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost**, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you, (etc.).

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NOTE.—The MSS. where we should expect to find the older form, viz., the Sinai Syriac and the Turin Latin, are deficient at the end of Matthew.

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ORIGINAL TEXT IN LOST MSS.  
QUOTED BY EUSEBIUS.

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Go yé and make disciples of all the nations **IN MY NAME**, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you (etc.).

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NOTE.—The omission of **therefore** by Eusebius agrees with the Petrograd and many other MSS.





## THE ONE-NAME FORM OF THE FINAL COMMISSION

Quoted by Eusebius, in the Fourth Century, from early MSS., now lost. By Frederick Cornwallis Conybeare, M. A. (Oxford). Edited by Albert J. Edmunds, M. A. (Penn), from Preuschen's Journal of New Testament Science (Giessen, 1901) and *The Hibbert Journal* (Vol. I, No. 1; London, October, 1902), and translated from the Greek.

Work of Eusebius.	Portion of Work.	Reference in Migne's Greek Fathers.	Form of Quotation.
1. Commentary on the Psalms		Vol. XXIII, column 569	<i>He commanded his own disciples to evangelize all the nations</i> IN HIS NAME.
2. Commentary on the Psalms		Vol. XXIII, column 416	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations.</i>
3. Commentary on the Psalms	Psalms LXV, 6	Vol. XXIII, column 653	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME.
4. Commentary on the Psalms	Psalms LXVII, 34-36	Vol. XXIII, column 720	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME.
5. Commentary on the Psalms	Psalms LXXVI, 20	Vol. XXIII, column 900	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME.
6. Commentary on the Psalms	Psalms XCV, 3	Vol. XXIII, column 1221	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations.</i>
7. Commentary on Isaiah	Chapter XVIII	Vol. XXIV, column 213	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME.
8. *Gospel Demonstration	Book I, Chapter 3	Vol. XXII, column 40	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations. He adds: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.</i>
9. *Gospel Demonstration	Book I, Chapter 4	Vol. XXII, column 44	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.</i>
10. Gospel Demonstration	Book III, Chapter 6	Vol. XXII, column 233	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.
11. Gospel Demonstration	Book III, Chapter 7	Vol. XXII, column 240	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME.
12. Gospel Demonstration	Book III, Chapter 7	Vol. XXII, column 241	<i>Make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME.
13. Gospel Demonstration	Book IX	Vol. XXII, column 692	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME.
*IN MY NAME was probably deleted in Nos. 8 and 9 by an early censor, who did not read thru the entire work, but noticed these quotations in Book I (Conybeare). Edgar S. Buchanan has proved that such censorship was systematic.			
14. Theophany	Book V, Chapter 17	(Lost in the Greek)	(Duplicate, in Syriac, of No. 10 in Greek.)
15. Theophany	Book V, Chapter 46	(Lost in the Greek)	(Duplicate, in Syriac, of No. 11 in Greek.)
16. Theophany	Book V, Chapter 49	(Lost in the Greek)	(Duplicate, in Syriac, of No. 12 in Greek.)
17. Theophany	Book III, Chapter 4	(Lost in the Greek)	(Omits IN MY NAME, but is betrayed by its own commentary and by the duplicate in Greek, No. 20.)
18. Theophany	Book IV, Chapter 8	(Lost in the Greek)	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and teach them (&amp;c. Betrayed by its own commentary).</i>
19. Church History	Book III, Chapter 5	Migne XX, Col. 221	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME. (The Latin "translation" (?) by Rufinus, fifth century, reads: "Go ye and baptize all nations in my name.")
20. Oration on Constantine	Chapter XVI, Section 8	Migne XX, Col. 1425	<i>Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations</i> IN MY NAME. (Enforced by comments.)
21. Against Marcellus of Ancyra	Book I, Chap. 1	Migne XXIV, Col. 716	<i>Go ye and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.</i> (The Trinitarian formula is repeated in Column 728.)
22. On Church Theology			(Same passage as above, according to Conybeare, but he gives no reference in Migne, and the quotation is not listed in the edition of the Berlin Academy. Nos. 21 and 22 were written in old age, when the orthodox text had been canonized.)
23. On Church Theology	Book III, Chap. 3	Migne XXIV, Col. 989	(Stops short at <i>nations</i> .)
24. Letter to his flock at Cæsarea,	A. D. 325, giving an account of the Council of Nice.		Here again we read the orthodox text. (Socrates, <i>Church History</i> , I, 8.)

Conybeare adds the following confirmations:

Second Century—Justin Martyr alludes to the simpler form (*Trypho* 39).

Third Century—Pope Stephen maintains against Cyprian the validity of baptism in the name of Christ alone.

Fourth Century—The *Pneumatomachoi* maintain that Father, Son and Holy Ghost are nowhere co-ordinated in the New Testament.

Seventh Century—The entire Celtic Church is excommunicated for adhering to the older rite.

A. D. 1284—The Synod of Nemours affirms the validity of the form: *I baptize thee in the name of Christ*.

A. D. 1433—John of Ragusa tells the Council of Basle that the Apostles, and the Church, in spite of the Trinitarian formula, baptized for a long time in the name of Christ.

*Final Note.*—As the second and third century MSS. of Origen and Pamphilus (used by Eusebius) have thrown this light on "Matthew," so do they also upon Mark. See *The Monist* and *Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research*, both for 1917, wherein it is shown that those MSS. betray the absence of the physical resurrection from the first edition of Mark.



THE RESURRECTION  
IN MARK

AND

HOAG'S VISION

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TWO STUDIES IN THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

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# THE RESURRECTION IN MARK

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## I. THE PREDICTIONS

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Mark viii. 29-34.

And he himself askt them: But whom say ye that I am? And Peter saith unto him: Thou art the Christ.

83 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. And he began to  
II teach them that **THE MAN** must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and **AFTER THREE DAYS** rise again.

84 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him.  
VI But when he had turned about and lookt on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying: Get thee behind me, Satan, for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

85 And when he had called the crowd unto him with his disciples, he said unto them:  
II Whosoever will follow after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

MARK IX, 8-13.

And suddenly, when they had lookt round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves. And as they came down from the mountain he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till **THE MAN** were risen from the dead.

88 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what  
X the rising from the dead should mean.

89 And they askt him, saying: Why say the scribes that Elijah must first come?

VI And he said unto them: **ELIJAH** indeed cometh first and **RESTORETH** all things; and how it is written of **THE MAN** that he must suffer many things and be set at naught. But I say unto you, That Elijah is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, even as it is written of him.

MARK IX, 29-33

And he said unto them: This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer.

93 And they departed thence and past thru Galilee, and he would not that any man  
II should know it. For he taught his disciples and said unto them: **THE MAN** is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him, and **AFTER THREE DAYS** he shall rise again. But they understood not that saying and were afraid to ask him.

94 And he came to Capernaum; and being in the house, he askt them: What was  
X it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

MARK X, 31-35.

111 But many [that are] first shall be last, and the last first.

II

112 And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going ahead  
II of them; and they were amazed, and as they followed they were afraid. And he  
took again the twelve and began to tell them what things should happen unto  
him, [saying]: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and THE MAN shall be delivered unto  
the chief priests and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall  
deliver him to the Gentiles; and they shall mock him and shall scourge him and shall  
spit upon him and shall kill him, and AFTER THREE DAYS he shall rise again.

113 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying unto him:

VI Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall ask of thee.

II. THE EVENT

MARK XV, end, and XVI entire, as in the oldest MSS.

228 And he bought Hindu cloth and wrapt him therein, and laid him in a sepulchre  
I which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

229 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the daughter of Joses beheld the place where he  
VI was laid.

230 And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the daughter of  
VIII James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him.

231 And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they come unto the  
I sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves: Who shall  
roll us away the sepulchre stone? (for it was exceeding great.) And when they  
lookt, they saw that the stone was rolled away. And coming unto the sepulchre, they  
saw a young man sitting on their right, clothed in a white robe; and they were  
bewildered.

232 And he saith unto them: Be not bewildered; ye seek Jesus the Nazarene, who  
II was crucified. [He is risen: he is not here.] Behold, there is his place where  
they have laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter: I am going  
to Galilee ahead of you. There shall ye see me, as I have said unto you.

233 And when they heard, they fled, and said nothing to any one, for they were  
II afraid of . . . . .

*Here endeth the Gospel of Mark*

. . . . .

# MARK XVI, 1-4

## CORRECTED TEXT

230 And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the daughter of  
VIII Jacob, and Salome, [brought the things they had prepared.]

231 And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they come unto the  
I sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves: Who shall  
roll us away the sepulchre stone? (for it was exceeding GREAT.) And when  
they lookt, they saw that the STONE was ROLLED AWAY.

### NOTES

230. The spices are almost certainly inserted from Luke. The present reading in brackets is the second century text of Luke XXIV, 1 (probably taken from Mark's first edition,) confirmed by the Gospels of "Matthew," "Peter" and "John". *The critical apparatus of the future will have to use these Gospels and even Luke among the sources for the text of Mark.*

231. The capitalized words are from Genesis XXIX: 2, 3 (Wellhausen). There was probably a mystic parallel in the writer's mind between Jacob's meeting with Rachel and Christ's with the women. Early Christian writers made Rachel signify the Church, and Rendel Harris has shown (*Testimonies*, 1916) that they were quoting a lost book, the famous *Oracles* of Matthew! Another proof of the insight of Swedenborg: the Gospels and the Apocalypse were written according to Correspondences. (A. C. 66 and 3771; A. E. 687.)

For further details, see *The Monist*, Chicago, April, 1917. (Read *apparitional*, instead of "subjective," p. 163.)





# Commentary

The red colophon is taken from the Sinai Syriac, and has already been printed in a separate leaflet, together with the endings in the Vatican and Turin manuscripts. (*The End of the Gospel According to Mark in the oldest Manuscripts and Versions*. Philadelphia: Innes & Sons, 1916.)

All readings that differ from the common text are voucht for by one or more of the following ancient authorities:

## I. GREEK MANUSCRIPTS.

All these have been photographed, and the photographs have been consulted in the Widener Memorial and other libraries of Philadelphia.

1. The Vatican MS., fourth or fifth century.
2. The Sinaitic, fourth or fifth century.
3. The Washington, fourth or fifth century.
4. The Cambridge, sixth century.

This MS. contains later additions, but its *omissions* are ancient.

## II. EARLY TRANSLATIONS.

Nos. 1-3 have been printed and are in the libraries of Philadelphia. No. 4 has been translated for me, at Mark XVI, 8, by Frank Normart, of Glenolden, Pennsylvania, formerly of Erzerum.

1. Old Latin, translated in the second century.
2. Old Syriac, translated in the second century.
3. Gothic, translated in the fourth century.
4. Armenian, translated in the fifth century.

## III. QUOTATIONS BY EUSEBIUS (FOURTH CENTURY) FROM LOST MSS. OF EARLIER TIMES.

83. THE MAN, literally *Son of Man*, is a quotation from Daniel VII, 13, where the seer has a vision of brutal world-powers rising out of the sea, until at last ONE LIKE UNTO A SON OF MAN is brought before the throne of the Godhead and given eternal empire. *Son of Man* is a Syriac phrase meaning a member of the human race.

AFTER THREE DAYS is taken, tho not literally (so far as extant books can help us) from the Holy Scriptures of the ancient Persians, the Zoroastrian or Mazdean Avesta. Its original twenty-one books were burnt by the soldiers of Alexander, but after the war the priests reconstructed a book of ritual from memory. In this book, the Vendīdād, we read that the soul goes to the other world WHEN THE THIRD NIGHT IS GONE, WHEN THE DAWN APPEARS. (*Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. IV, p. 212.) In a later book, Yasht 22, we read: AT THE END OF THE THIRD NIGHT, WHEN THE DAWN APPEARS. (S. B. E. xxiii, p. 315.) In fragments from lost books of the Avesta, preserved in medieval treatises, the soul remains beside the corpse for THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS, and in the dawn of the fourth day goes up to the Chinvat Bridge. (S. B. E. xxiv, pp. 16-18; 22; 351, 352.)

Palestine was a Persian province for two centuries, and the Mazdean sacred lore was known in that country, as we learn from the Talmud. (Tract *Sanhedrin*, fol. 97.) All that Jesus meant was: "Boys, I'm going to die. But death is nothing: AFTER THREE DAYS the soul rises up in the other world."

The Gospel scribes deliberately altered this Mazdean oracle to Paul's Old Testament *third day* (Hosea vi, 2, or, as Bacon, of Yale, suggests, Leviticus xxiii, 11, where the first fruits\* of the new corn are offered on the third day after the slaughter of the lamb). But these Rabbinical interpretations do not hit the mark as does the Mazdean text.

The Vatican, Alexandrine, Cambridge and Ephrem manuscripts and the Catholic Vulgate all read: AFTER THREE DAYS, at Mark viii, 31. But the following documents have changed it to *the third day*, viz.: The Washington MS., the Armenian and Ethiopic versions, and medieval codices Nos. 1, 33, and 69. Tischendorf, Alford and Tregelles all agree that the change was made by assimilation to the text of the more popular Gospels of "Matthew" and Luke. It is Mark alone who stands by the Zoroastrian oracle. Even the King James version preserves this at viii, 31, but at ix, 31, and x, 34, it has the corrupted reading. The purified text is given in all three places by the Anglo-American Revised Version of 1881, the American Standard of 1900, the Twentieth Century New Testament and James Moffatt's splendid translation of 1913.

The capitals used here to point out quotations from older sacred books are due to the practise of Westcott and Hort, whose Greek Testament lies behind the Revised Version. These scholars have printed Old Testament quotations in the New in ancient Greek capitals or uncials. Rendel Harris once said: "Any one who will study those uncials can become a theologian. It is the greatest thing that has been done for theology in the nineteenth century." But the initiative was due to Tregelles, who printed Old Testament quotations in a different type in his Greek Testament (1857-1872). The type, however, was not striking enough.

89. ELIJAH RESTORETH is a quotation from the end of Malachi. The allusion, at the close of the paragraph, to the sufferings of Elijah is due to a Jewish midrash ascribed to Philo. (Rendel Harris.)

In the opening line Tischendorf inserts the word *Pharisees* against the testimony of the Vatican, Alexandrine, [Washington], Cambridge, and Ephrem MSS., the Old Latin, Coptic, Gothic and two Syriac versions, merely because his favorite Sinaitic reads thus, supported by the Vulgate, by the ninth century manuscript L, and a few minor authorities. It is important to note this, because Tischendorf follows his codex on a more serious question, when it is wrong. Before the discovery of the Sinaitic, he had the right reading in both places.

92. The Vatican and Sinaitic MSS. and the Old Latin at Turin read **by prayer** simply. A long array of manuscripts and versions, including the Catholic Vulgate, add: *and fasting*. Here Tischendorf is guided by intrinsic probability, and not merely by his favorite codex, and rightly strikes out the addition.

228. That *sindōn* means Hindu cloth (originally applied to cotton, but later to Egyptian linen) see Sayce: *Hibbert Lectures*, 1887.

231 and 233. The key readings are **coming unto** and **when they heard**. The first has been changed to *entering into*, by assimilation to the text of Luke—a known

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\*I Cor. xv, 20, 37 (*Harvard Theological Review*, October, 1915).

habit of the scribes, as certified by Jerome in the fourth century; and the second has been altered in early times to *going out*, so as to tally with *entering into*. Both readings were known to John Mill (Greek Testament: Oxford, 1707. This folio was the work of thirty years, and in 1686 the printer was held up because the great scholar's financial backer had died). Henry Alford, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, put *coming unto* into the text of his Greek Testament, and Tischendorf did the same in his seventh edition (Leipzig, 1859). But in his last edition Tischendorf changed it back to the corrupt reading because he found it in his own discovery, the Sinaitic Manuscript.

The women fled in terror because the youth in white address them. The early Christians held two theories about the identity of this youth:

1. Jesus himself.
2. An angel.

(See Kirsopp Lake's masterly essay on the Resurrection: London and New York, 1907.) But the later Gospels of Luke and "John" made the disciples enter the tomb, find it empty and conclude that the corpse had risen and walkt off.

Mark was Peter's Gospel, and the first and greatest of all the Lord's apparitions was the one to him. (I Cor. xv, 5; Luke xxiv, 34; Mark xvi, 7.) The narrative thereof must once have stood in the first edition of Mark. The event happened in Galilee, and Mark (=Peter's) account was probably destroyed by Luke or his party because they held a theory that all the apparitions were in Judea. (Luke xxiv, 49; Acts I, 4.) For a full account of the problems involved, see the essay by Professor Lake, of Harvard, already referred to.

The paragraphs in Hindu numerals (miscalled "Arabic")\* are very ancient, appearing in the Sinaitic Manuscript. The numbers beneath in Roman numerals are found there too. These represent a series of canons or tables, ascribed to Eusebius, for convenience of Gospel study: I means that a passage is given by all Four; II, by the three Synoptists; VI, by Mark and Matthew; VIII, by Mark and Luke; X, by one alone; the rest, by different pairs.

#### AUTHORITIES FOR THE KEY READINGS.

The Greek Testaments of Tischendorf, Alford and Tregelles. Personal examination of accessible documents.

**Coming unto:** Vatican Manuscript, No. 127 (eleventh century) and the Gothic version. Alford says that it has been changed to *entering into*, by assimilation to Luke. Other scholars agree with him. That *eis to mnemeion* means **unto the sepulchre**, is clinched by the parallels in John xx, 1, 3, 4, 8; also xi, 31, 38. (Thayer).

**When they heard:** Eusebius to Marinus (quoting lost MSS.); Tatian's Diatessaron? Sinai and Peshito Syriac; Armenian version; and a Greek manuscript called by Caspar René Gregory No. 565 (about A. D. 1000). It is of tragic interest to Philadelphians that this scholar, who was born in our city in 1846, has been a volunteer in the German army since 1914.

232. *He is risen: he is not here* is omitted by important MSS. in Luke. As Luke used the first edition of Mark, it is probable that the words were not found therein. Our present manuscripts of Mark contain them. We therefore include them, as this essay is wholly in the Lower Criticism.

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\*Except by the Muhammadans of Egypt, who still call them the Hindu numerals. (Jayaswal, of Calcutta, tells me this).

Considerable insight into the question of the Resurrection may be had from Frederick Cornwallis Conybeare's *Myth, Magic and Morals: a Study of Christian Origins*. (London, 1909; second edition, 1910.) But it needs to be supplemented by modern Psychical Research, in such books as Andrew Lang's *Making of Religion* or the immortal work of Myers.

In my forthcoming edition of Mark, the student will find the principal documents necessary to a study of the Resurrection: e. g., the Pauline list of apparitions in I Cor. xv; the Galilean narrative at the end of "Matthew," and the account of the flight from Jerusalem to the Lake after the Crucifixion, in the second century Gospel of Peter. (The disciples did *not* stay in the capital, as Luke would have us believe.) These last two documents, if not actually based upon Mark's lost ending, represent the same Galilean tradition.

When every one knows the bottom facts about religion, there will be no more Unitarian or Trinitarian, no more Catholic or Protestant, no more Mazdean or Buddhist, in the sectarian sense, but a World-Church with federated societies.

I repeat what was said in my circular of May, 1915: it is my intention to print the Gospel of Mark in good type, with a purified text, and proper apparatus for study, and sell it for five cents. And I am doing this at the cost of my last dollar and my summer vacations. But this is as it should be, for Religion has always been destroyed by those who live *by* Her, and revived by those who die *for* Her.

A. J. E.

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# THE VISION,

in 1803,

OF

## JOSEPH HOAG

a recorded minister in the Society of Friends

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REPRINTED, FROM A TEXT OF 1854, WITH  
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**Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will send a famine against the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water ; but a famine of hearing the word of the Lord. And they shall fluctuate as water from sea to sea, and run to and fro ; from North to East seeking the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.** (*Amos VIII, 11, 12, in the Septuagint of Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress: Hebrew, Tekoa, about B. C. 763; Greek, Alexandria, about B. C. 200; English, Philadelphia, 1808.*)

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# JOSEPH HOAG'S VISION: 1803

Differences in the Auburn Text: 1861.

## THE NEGRO TEXT: 1854

- (1) Insert: *probably*  
(2) fields  
(3) Insert: *that*  
(4) *the brightness of its shining*  
(5) Insert: *it seemed as if*  
(6) Insert: *laid*  
(7) *that*  
(8) Insert: *the*

(9) *now follows have*

(10) Insert: *I*. [This is a good example of an important doctrine hanging upon one letter, for the introduction of the pronoun makes the Deity the author of evil. Neither the Glasgow nor the Indiana text supports this reading.]

- (11) *upon*  
(12) *the effect was nearly*  
(13) *who*  
(14) *organized*  
(15) *this*  
(16) Insert: *and, as before, those who separated went with lofty looks and taunting, censuring language. Those who, etc.* [It is significant that some of the Seer's family maintained that this clause was not in the autograph.]

- (17) Insert: *next*  
(18) Insert: *and*  
(19) *throughout*  
(20) Insert: *an*  
(21) *Societies* (omitting *the*)  
(22) *this Power*  
(23) *will*  
(24) *their iniquity*  
(25) Insert: *down*  
(26) *burden*  
(27) Insert: JOSEPH HOAG.  
(28) Omit: *Copied by request, etc.*

In the year 1803, (1) in the eighth or ninth month, I was one day alone in the field, (2) and observed (3) the sun shone clear, but (3) a mist eclipsed its (4) brightness. As I reflected upon the singularity of the event, my mind was struck into a silence the most solemn I ever remember to have witnessed; for (5) all my faculties were (6) low, and unusually brought into deep silence. I said to myself, what can all this mean? I do not recollect ever before to have been sensible of such feelings. And I heard a voice from Heaven say: "This which (7) thou seest which dims the brightness of the sun is a sign of (8) present and coming times. I took the forefathers of this country from a land of oppression. I planted them here among the people of the forest. I sustained them, and while they were humble, I blessed them and fed them, and they became a numerous people; but now (9) they have become proud and lifted up, and have forgotten me who nourished them and protected them in the wilderness and are running into every abomination and evil practice of which the old countries are guilty, and (10) have taken quietude from the land, and suffered a dividing spirit to come among them. Lift up thine eyes and behold." And I saw them dividing in great heat. This division began in the Church on (11) points of doctrine. It commenced in the Presbyterian Society, and went through the various religious denominations, and in its progress and close its effects were (12) the same. Those that (13) dissented went off with high heads and taunting language; and those who kept to their original (14) sentiments appeared exercised and sorrowful; and when the (15) dividing spirit entered the Society of Friends, it raged in as high a degree as in any I had before discovered. (16) As before, those who kept to their ancient principles retired by themselves.

It (17) appeared in (8) Lodges of (8) Freemasons. (18) It broke out in appearance like a volcano, inasmuch as it set the country in an uproar for a length of time. Then it entered politics in (19) the United States, and did not stop until it produced a civil war, and (20) abundance of human blood was shed in (8) course of the combat. The Southern States lost their power and slavery was annihilated from their borders. Then a monarchical power arose—took the government of the States—established a national religion, and made all the people (21) tributary to support its expenses. I saw them take property from Friends to a large amount. I was amazed at beholding all this, and I heard a voice proclaim: "This power shall not always stand, but with it (22) I shall (23) chastise my Church until they return to the faithfulness of their forefathers. Thou seest what is coming on thy native land for its iniquities (24) and the blood of Africa, the remembrance of which has come up before me. This vision is yet for many days."

I had no idea of writing it (25) for many years, until it became such a burthen (26) that for my own relief I have written it. (27).—*Copied, by request, from Frederick Douglass's Paper* (28).

# COMMENTARY.

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The two earliest *American* printed texts are:

1. The one in *Frederick Douglass's Paper*, Rochester, N. Y., copied by *Friends' Intelligencer*, Philadelphia, Twelfth Month 2, 1854, and reprinted, at my suggestion, by the same magazine, Seventh Month 31, 1915. This I call THE NEGRO TEXT.

2. The one in the official edition of Hoag's (29) *Journal*, Auburn, 1861.

The heavy type above signifies agreement between these two. The Auburn text is inserted at the end of the *Journal* with this note: "As the subjects alluded to in the following vision are of general interest, and much expression having been given in favor of its being appended to this journal, it is concluded to do so:—" (Text follows.) The official minute of New York Yearly Meeting authorizing the publication of the *Journal* is dated from Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County, N. Y., Fifth Month 29, 1861. The *Journal* contains no title for the Vision, which it prints out of sequence with that apologetic note; but the London reprint (A. W. Bennett, 1862) adds to the title-page the words:

## Containing his Remarkable Vision.

The Negro text, as reprinted in *Friends' Intelligencer*, 1854, has for title: *Vision of JOSEPH HOAG, deceased, who was an eminent Minister of the Society of Friends*. It ends with the significant ascription of source reprinted above, thus disclaiming responsibility for publication, on the part of the Liberal Quakers who, since 1844, have conducted *Friends' Intelligencer*. Similarly, the Vision was never printed in *The Friend*, of Philadelphia (known as "The Square Friend," in honor of its shape and its orthodoxy) until 1885. Moreover, for forty years (1827-1867) there is no mention of Hoag in the indices to *The Friend*, except a brief obituary, which omits all mention of the Vision. *The next edition of the Journal ought to print this under the year 1803*.

Joseph Hoag is by no means lonesome as a Quaker prophet whose honor is problematic. Students of religion love the Society of Friends as a dream of "the lost City of God" (Rendel Harris's epithet for the Apostolic Church); but truth is forever obscured by officialism, which is the organ of the average man (30). Well has an American prophet declared:

**God is in the individual and the Devil is in the institutions.**

George Fox's *Journal* is acknowledged to be a religious classic alike by Thomas Carlyle and a bishop of Durham Cathedral. From 1694 to 1911 that *Journal* was officially garbled by the Quaker Society, and Fox was not allowed to appear as a rain-maker, a psychic healer and a seer of two spirits of executed criminals, who assured him that they were happy. My note on Fox as a rain-maker may be read in *London Notes and Queries* for June 15, 1912. The passage about the happy ghosts is dated 1650, and may be found at Vol. I, p. 14, of the *Editio Princeps* of the genuine *Journal*

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(29) The name is two syllables. In the International Alphabet it would be written *Houæg* in classical English.

(30) Bishop White, in his unpublished work on Quakerism, expressed surprise at the hierarchical power of the Elders. (See *Quaker Literature in the Libraries of Philadelphia* in *The Westonian*, Eleventh Month, 1907.) John Hoag Dillingham once said to me that an Elder was an unspiritual person who was set to keep spiritual ones in order.



(31), printed in 1911 at the University of Cambridge, by whose students, in 1655, the mystic had been mobbed.

Another garbled classic is the Journal of Thomas Shillitoe (London, 1839, 2 vols., 8vo). This worthy, who died at Tottenham in 1836, had a literary misfortune in the United States, for his Journal was at once reprinted in Philadelphia by William and Thomas Evans. Under date of January 10, 1828, they omit John Woolman's prediction that Mount Holly meeting would dwindle for drawing the color line. They suppress the remarkable address to professing Christians in 1831, wherein Shillitoe protests against their accumulating fortunes, "trying to make a heaven here below." They suppress his statement in Exeter Hall, May, 1833, that for thirty years he had been a vegetarian, and also his mild Zoroastrian and Swedenborgian belief that the Devil invented rum. (32)

The Auburn text of Hoag's Vision was dictated to his granddaughter, Narcissa Battey, some time before his death, in November, 1846, and apparently in 1845. This was because the original autograph had been lost. A Quaker attestation at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (given in full in my unpublished University lectures) carries back the knowledge of the Vision to the decade of the Twenties. Independently of the Auburn text a copy appeared at Glasgow on June 1, 1861 (*The British Friend*, Sixth Month 1, 1861). The principal differences in this text are:

1. (After Note 7). Omit: *which dims the brightness of the sun.*
2. (After Note 9). Omit: *and lifted up.*
3. (Just before Note 11). Omit: *in the Church.*
4. (Note 16). Read: *as in any I had noticed or before discovered, and, as before, those who separated went off with lofty looks and taunting, censoring language. Those who kept, etc.*
5. (Between Notes 20 and 21). Read: *sprang up*, instead of: *arose.*
6. (After Note 21). Omit: *to a large amount.*
7. (After Note 24). Quotation-marks end at: *before me*, with new paragraph following.

An Indiana text by David Marshall (Carthage, 1889) omits the phrases:

*It broke out in appearance like a volcano,*

and:

*took the government of the States.*

Apart from minor differences of wording, the important thing about this Indiana text is an extra slip of paper added after the tract was on the market. This slip quotes "some very old copies" as reading:

*Then a monarchial (sic) power arose in this government and establisht, etc.*

Lindley Murray Hoag, a son of the seer, and William H. Dean, a friend of both, have maintained that the whole passage about a monarchical government and its establisht religion was not in the autograph. (*The Friend and Friends' Intelligencer*, both of Philadelphia, for 1892.) Joseph Hoag had many visions, and it appears that, during the twenty years that elapsed between the vision of 1803 and the autograph, another vision had been experienced and then added to the great one.

Moreover, the last paragraph, about the committal to writing, is lacking in the Indiana text. These differences may point to a *manuscript transmission, in the Central States, from the original autograph, before the dictation to Narcissa Battey, about 1845*. My sister, Lucy Edmunds, on behalf of the Society for Psychological Research, went

(31) This is not quite accurate, for the opening of the Journal is lacking in the manuscript. Consequently we shall never know exactly what Fox wrote about his early life.

(32) It is true that Zoroaster attaches a sanctity to *haoma*, and Swedenborg to wine; but both these prophets postulate an evil power in nature (*Vendidad I; Divine Love and Wisdom*, 338-342. Fermentation-bacteria would come under the **noxious animalcules** of No. 342.

to Nantucket in 1892 and obtained the attestation of Narcissa Battey Coffin about this dictation from her grandfather. My sister's notes and some of my own were given to John Hoag Dillingham, who meant to use them in a monograph on his kinsman. The busy life of that well-known Quaker saint prevented this. After he became editor of *The Friend*, I urged him to bring forth the matter in his paper. To this he agreed, but died in 1910 before his promise was fulfilled. (*Et servi ejus servient illi, et videbunt faciem ejus: et nomen ejus in frontibus eorum.*)

For fuller information, see the article by Thomas C. Battey in *The Friend*, Philadelphia, Eleventh Month 12, 1892.

The fact that Hoag did not write out the Vision "for many years," as he tells us himself, or "until he was an old man," as his son has told us (*The Friend*, Ninth Month 24, 1892) is very provoking. For it allows the Sadducee to say that the committal to writing was after the following items were fulfilled:

1. Cumberland Presbyterian schism, 1810.
2. Quaker schism, 1827-1829.
3. Anti-Masonic agitation following the disappearance of Morgan in 1826.

The manuscript attestation at the Historical Society, dated 1878, says that respectable Quakers voucht for the existence of the Vision for "forty to fifty-five years" before that date. Let us put beside this the statement of Lindley Murray Hoag aforesaid. Now, an elderly son would hardly regard his father as "an old man" till after sixty. It is, therefore, probable that the committal to writing took place in the decade of the Twenties. The seer was born at Nine Partners, Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1762, and was sixty in 1822. It is quite possible that the Quaker schism of 1827 was the immediate incitement to write.

After my Fellowship lectures in the University of Pennsylvania, May, 1914, wherein I quoted the Vision, a challenge from sceptical scholars inquired: "Can you produce a copy older than the Civil War?"

"No."

"Very well, then; we hold that the Vision was written after the war."

By the sudden recovery of the Negro text of 1854 all this is changed. The fact remains, however, that science can only build upon the later items:

4. Civil War, 1861-1865.
5. Defeat of the South, 1865.
6. Abolition of slavery, 1865.
7. Monarchical government.
8. Establisht religion.
9. Overthrow of 7 and 8.

When these last three items are fulfilled, Hoag's Vision will rank second to none in the history of seership, and may yet be page one of some American Sibylline Leaves.

One of the best-dated visions in the Old Testament is that of the farmer Amos, **two years before the earthquake** (33), in the reign of the Judean Uzziah, a period of fifty-two years (34), in the eighth century before Christ. With the farmer of Tekoa we may confidently parallel the farmer of Charlotte, Vermont. (35)

It is not too much to affirm that if Old Testament scholars could accept the traditional facts about this American Amos, modern prophetic criticism would be revo-

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(33) Amos 1:1.

(34) II Chron. 26:3.

(35) I regret that in *History Simplified* (Philadelphia, 1914, p. 6) I have made a mistake about Hoag's residence in 1803.

lutionized (36). The theory that all prophecies are after the event would have to be abandoned. In religion, as in geology, we should become uniformitarians (allowing, of course, that some past cataclysms exceeded any present ones). Materialists would be compelled to admit a visionary power in man, capable of seeing dramatically into the future. No political guesswork by a backwoodsman (as he calls himself in his Journal) in a sect that was hostile to newspapers (37), could have hit upon all these things in 1803. Yes, 1803, for the Quaker tradition maintains that the Vision was well known to Hoag's family and friends "before any part of it was fulfilled." (38)

The untrained sceptic imagines that he can pooh-pooh cases like Hoag's by what he calls "coincidence:" millions of guesses contain one good one. But the scientific thinker knows that before he can fall back upon coincidence he has to eliminate all cases that do not conform to the prophetic type. Arranging those that do, he perceives that the coincidence is like that between flash and peal: there is a causal nexus between them. He objects to the kind of physicist who would note down all sounds that might resemble thunder, and then, when they failed to be accompanied by lightning, use them to discredit the genuine phenomenon!

William James, in his *Varieties of Religious Experience*, quotes the modern vision of Richard Maurice Bucke. (39) This was accompanied by a strong subjective light, so strong as to become objective, occupy space, and make it appear that London was in flames. Bucke himself, in his *Cosmic Consciousness* (Philadelphia, 1901) demonstrates that his experience falls into line with that of the seers of all ages. The book is rough-hewn; French and Pali words are misprinted; but scholars of the caliber (40) of James will always take account of it. It is unfortunate that the author was unacquainted with the literature of the Society of Friends. Here he would have found the same phenomena which he has gathered from Hebrew, Hindu and Catholic. Joseph Hoag's Vision fulfills all the requirements laid down by Dr. Bucke. The seer was in his prime, forty-one; leading a healthy outdoor life; profound ecstasy was accompanied by a subjective light so intense that it appeared to occupy space and **dimmed the brightness of the sun**; a Voice accompanied the light, and finally, the matter communicated had a high moral bearing, totally different from the ravings of a lunatic.

Hoag, in a prediction, delivered in 1837, of a further Quaker schism, due to the increase of snobbery and wealth, declared: "I have seen it *in that light* that never deceived me!" (41)

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(36) It is imperatively necessary to interpret ancient religious phenomena by present ones. In my forthcoming edition of the Gospel of Mark, Hoag's Vision will be reprinted as a modern oracle illustrative of Chapter XIII, and Bucke's as illustrative of I, 10, 11.

(37) George Fox's Journal, under date of 1688; Thomas Shillitoe, in 1832, objected to Sunday newspapers and news-rooms. (Philadelphia reprint of [a large part of] his Journal, in the series called *The Friends' Library*, edited by William and Thomas Evans, Philadelphia, 1839, p. 482.)

(38) Official or semi-official note by the Society of Friends to the undated reprint which is sold at their bookstore. This leaflet is poorly printed. Probably the first edition of the Vision in type that was worthy thereof was the one appended to the alleged *Vision of the World-War*, by Leo Tolstoy (Philadelphia, 1914). We must note that the expression in the Quaker leaflet, "*many years* before any part of it was fulfilled," is incorrect; for the Cumberland Presbyterian schism was in 1810, seven years after the Vision; and seven is not "*many*."

(39) This vision has been dramatized in *A Duet with Omar* (Philadelphia, 1913.) Sir Oliver Lodge asks for two more copies of this poem, which the "literary" reviews of the United States will not even mention.

(40) English friends will please note that this spelling is a relic of the American Revolution. Our great lexicographer, Noah Webster (1758-1843) took advantage of the temporary alienation of American thought from English obscurantism to make these reforms. See the chapter on Reformed Spelling in the Prolegomena to *Buddhist and Christian Gospels*. (This essay is in the Philadelphian edition only. It is not to be found in those of Tokyo and Palermo.)

(41) *The Friend*, Philadelphia, Tenth Month 31, 1885. These words are not in the Journal. They are also ascribed to James Dickinson in the seventeenth century. (*Annual Monitor* for 1816.) They certainly refer to Bucke's "Brahmic Splendor." The Buddhist Scriptures also have a technical name for this light. See note in *A Duet with Omar*, p. 29.

Another point to be noticed is the fact that Hoag uses the past tense just as the Old Testament prophets do. In 1803 he can say that the Southern States *lost* their power: the event had already happened in the ideal world.

A point yet to be settled by psychical science is: *How far ahead did the Hebrew prophets see?* It is certain that they did not see into our own times, for they could not have mist so portentous a phenomenon as airships dropping frightful explosives on a city bigger than Babylon. It is premature to discuss the subject now, but we may hazard the guess that science will finally admit that they did discern the giant figure of Jesus Christ.

#### FINAL NOTE.

I have failed to find a copy of *Frederick Douglass's Paper*. The only complete file was burnt with his house at Rochester. I also apologize for the spice of advertisement herein. It is a military necessity, especially now that the world-war has stopt the wheels of international literature.

My hope is that the present research will stimulate the thinkers of the Society of Friends to hunt out old copies of the Vision and then have the whole matter investigated by some wealthy scholar who will command their respect.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania, August, 1915.

### POSTSCRIPT: 1916

Premonitions of the World-War.

1. Father K—— in Poland: 1819.

In *The Christian Trumpet* (Boston, 1873) we read that a certain Father K——, a Dominican, under interdiction by the government, prayed to Andrew Bobôla, who appeared to him and showed him a vision of battle between "Russian, Turkish, French, English, Austrian and Prussian armies, and others which he could not well discern." The spirit explained: "When the war which you see shall end, then the Kingdom of Poland shall be re-established, and I shall be acknowledged its principal patron."

This English account by Gaudentius Rossi ("Pellegrino") is translated from the Italian of *Civiltà Cattolica* for 1864.

2. Léon Sonrel, entranced, to Dr. Amédée Tardieu, Paris, July, 1869.

After predicting the war of 1870 and his own death in the siege of Paris, Léon Sonrel sketched the life of Dr. Tardieu and foresaw a greater war: "Ah, my God! My country is lost; France is dead . . . Ah! see, she is saved; she is going as far as the Rhine!"

This was written down by Tardieu on June 3, 1914, after the last private events which were to precede the great war had come true. (*Annales des Sciences Psychiques*: Paris, August, September, October, 1915).

3. Visions of Coming War Seen in the South of France in the summer of 1913, communicated to the *Public Ledger*, of Philadelphia, in a letter dated: Paris, Sept. 12, 1913. (See Tolstoy's (?) Vision: Philadelphia, 1914, p. 13.)

4. Diary of A. J. E.

October 6, 1913. "Heard: . . . 'The English nation has weathered many a night like this!'"

June 12, 1914. "Saw a letter addressed to the Emperor (of Germany). Heard something about 'unending warfare' to keep name. Appears to refer to Garbe. Early this week I heard: 'One German Army Corps is ready.'"

Note of 1916. The attempt to ascribe this to Professor Garbe's criticism of me shows how unintelligible it was at the time.

# The Return of MYERS

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Scene: A room in the house of an Anglo-Indian.  
Time: January 12, 1904, Calcutta forenoon.

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[Edmund Gurney, who died in 1888, and Frederic Myers, January 17, 1901, have been disciplining "Mrs. Holland" in automatic writing since September, 1903, and are now instructing her to economize power for Myers by writing with her own will, but keeping her mind passive for the transmission of his thoughts.]

[Myers.] Try and fix your attention: you are not giving this a fair trial. I feel that if I am released from my attempts to make your hand write, I may be able to send something really convincing. But, oh! the difficulty of it. Put your left hand at the back of your head, and *sit still*.

[In "Mrs. Holland's" ordinary handwriting.]

"Yea, I am Christ's, and let the name\* suffice ye,<sup>1</sup>  
\* Word? (S. P. R. query).

E'en as for me He greatly hath sufficed."<sup>2</sup>

God is infinite, but many of the conditions whereby He controls the world are *finite*.

Self-sacrifice, the mortification of the flesh, a natural outcome of the implanted yearning, the spark from the Fire of the Divine.

In spirit and in truth.

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<sup>1</sup> "Mrs. Holland" did not know that in 1867 Myers had published a poem, ST. PAUL. She had only read HUMAN PERSONALITY AND ITS SURVIVAL OF BODILY DEATH (1903), which does not mention the poem. This opens thus:

"Christ! I am Christ's, and let the name suffice you;  
Ay, for me too He greatly hath sufficed;  
Lo, with no winning words I would entice you:  
Paul has no honor and no friend but Christ.

"Yes, without cheer of sister or of daughter,  
Yes, without stay of father or of son,  
Lone on the land and homeless on the water,  
Pass I in patience till the work be done."

For further information about this poem, see MYERS, SWEDENBORG AND BUDDHA, in the Proceedings of the American Society for Psychical Research, New York, 1914. In the opening lines of this article there is a bad mangling of the text, which makes me ascribe antiquity to Frederick Farrar instead of to Westminster Abbey. What I wrote was: . . . "The popular superstition in question received its death-blow, at least for English Christians, in that venerable Minster." The initials F. W. H. were also editorial. A man who will be quoted with Buddha, Socrates and Swedenborg a thousand years from now needs no initials; he will always be MYERS.—A. J. E.

<sup>2</sup> "E'en as for me" sounds like a first draft, afterwards revised on account of the too many e's.—A. J. E.

If it were possible for the soul to die back into earth-life again, I should die from sheer yearning to reach you [*Here the writing changes into that of the Myers control*]; to tell you that all that we imagined is not half wonderful enough for the truth; that immortality, instead of being a beautiful dream, is the one, the only reality, the strong golden thread on which all the illusions of all the lives are strung. If I could only reach you, if I could only tell you! I long for power and all that comes to me is an infinite yearning, an infinite pain! Does any of this reach you—reach any one—or am I only wailing as the wind wails, wordless and unheeded?

[Gurney, *in a different hand.*] Why did you let your hand yield to the writing? You have stopt and exhausted him now, and he might have gone on dictating.

["Mrs. Holland."] 11.30. This writing took just half an hour [including a previous page—A. J. E.] but it has tired me more than any I have ever done.

(*Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research*, June, 1908, pp. 232-234.) This Society was founded by Myers and his Cambridge friends at London in 1882 on purpose to explore modern psychic phenomena without the intervention of professional mediums. As punctuation is only omitted in the original to save power (p. 197), I regard it as lawful to supply it. The spelling has been Americanized and the stage directions supplied from the commentary. The passion of Myers to communicate is described by "Mrs. Holland" on p. 240. She was a healthy society woman of thirty-five, and free from bereavements. When she askt the invisible Myers to prove his identity, he wrote: *Metetheric*, a word coined by himself (p. 187). This was on November 7, 1903, at 11 A. M., after he had written thru her hand a note to Mrs. A. W. Verrall, correctly giving her address unknown to "Mrs. Holland":

5 Selwyn Gardens  
Cambridge.

"Mrs. Holland" had never been in Cambridge. Myers afterwards successfully proved his survival of death by a system of Cross-Correspondences thru Mrs. Professor Verrall, Miss Verrall, "Mrs. Holland" and Mrs. Piper. A Latin message, not understood by the last-named, was transmitted thru her to him, and he gave a series of intelligent replies to it thru the others. See *Mors Janua Vitae?* By H. A. Dallas: London, 1910.

I have included the above post-mortem utterances of Myers in my *Documents in the History of Religion*, begun in 1896, because these utterances are of high importance and suffer from small print and a learned magazine.

A. J. EDMUNDS.

Philadelphia: November 20, 1917.

Innes and Sons, 129 N. Twelfth Street.

## *POSTSCRIPT*

November 24, 1917.

After the above was printed I found Frank R. Whitzel's article in the October Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research. From this it is plain that we are both engaged in the same study, and I congratulate him with all my heart. The whole series of phenomena connected with the Return of Myers needs closer study than it can ever get while locked up in learned and expensive magazines. Moreover, the vital matter is in small print. I have gone to the expense of printing this in "bold" type, uniform with the Sacred Texts of all religions quoted in my **Buddhist and Christian Gospels**. Any reader may have a copy of the present article, printed thus, in return for a stamped and addressed envelope.

Philistines have jeered at four lines of doggerel painfully given thru "Mrs. Holland" in September, 1903, when Myers had not fully recovered from the death-trance. These men have entirely overlooked the fact that that little jingle contains one tremendous line, worthy of Lucretius:

**Death-tutored now in things of might.**

Moreover, thru Mrs. Verrall on December 17, 1906, Myers wrote:

..... the throbbing Soul  
Saw thru the sound the burning of the flame,  
Felt the lost Presence, to the Presence came.

(English S. P. R. Proceedings, October, 1908, P. 310.)

Any one who has read Myers's poetry for forty years, as I have, recognizes his peculiar hypnotic fire at once in these lines. The phrase is borrowed from a devoutly religious friend of mine (Episcopalian) who agrees with me about this.

It is my deliberate conviction that the Return of Myers will rank some day with the rise of the Christian religion. While I agree with my friend, James Hyslop, that we must not tie ourselves to aristocratic spirits too much, yet only some such superior being, a public character, a picturesque personality, can win the universal favor of mankind; and I predict that before this century closes two picturesque personalities whom I have met in the flesh will rank with Peter and Paul. And their names are Richard Hodgson and Frederic Myers.

A. J. E.













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